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Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 20, 2011, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Seattle City Hall Boards and Commissions Room

Commissioners Present: Mike Barta, Patricia Copeland, Charlene Curtiss, Mary Beth Lum, Erica Sekins, Gary Stobbe, Deborah Witmer, Sara Woody

Commissioners by Phone: Rebecca C. Cory, Saron McKee

Commissioners Absent: Mark Adreon, Joshua Caple, Hope Drummond, Vickie Foster, Laura Gramer, Jonathan Porter

SOOCR Staff Present: Felicia Yearwood, JT Delich

Guest: Tim Shockley, Seattle Public Library

Call to Order: Patt Copeland, Joshua Caple called the meeting to order at 4:30

Approval of Minutes: September minutes amended

SOOCR Report: Michael Chin

- Bradley Wilburn will fill in for Brenda Anibarro for six months
- Reports to Commissioners will be distributed biweekly

Committee Reports:

- Education: Rebecca C. Cory
 - The committee did not meet this month
 - Rebecca and Gary conducted a training for SOOCR staff on working with people who have autism spectrum or cognitive impairment. SOOCR has conducted a survey of attendees, and the committee welcomes feedback.

- Deborah has been nominated to serve on a statewide emergency planning coalition
- Outreach: Patt Copeland
 - Meets 4th Thursdays at Charlie's on Broadway
 - National White Cane Day celebration was a success with 150 people participating. Four commissioners staffed an information table
 - December 21st meeting at 2100 building
 - Suggestions: use community meeting and Krip Your Town meetings to recruit committee members; define goals for using social media; use an open source web based tracking system
- Issues: Sara Woody
 - Meets 2nd Thursdays at City Hall
 - The committee did not meet this month
 - Sara met with the Pedestrian Advisory Board to introduce the Commission and identify areas of collaboration
 - Erica met with the Parking Sounding Board, which issued a report on differential pricing. SDOT is seeking to build a coalition for state action to reduce abuse of parking permits. Erica clarified that abuse is the problem and that SDOT should not target legitimate users. The stated policy goal of having 1-2 spaces per block face has been met by increasing price, so it is unclear why SDOT is still pushing for the four hour limit. Next meeting November 17th
 - Sara talked about the parking placard issue on KOMO 4 with Ken Shramm
 - Patt and Vickie plan to draft a letter regarding reduced Metro fares

- Retreat Planning: Deborah Witmer
 - December 3rd 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at SOCR
 - Send agenda items to Deborah
- Nominating: Deborah Witmer
 - Mary Beth Lum was elected to a two-year term
 - The Commission thanked Erica for outstanding service

New Business:

Motion: to join the other four Commissions in a letter to the City Council asking that funding for Commission staff be reinstated into the City's budget **PASSED**

Motion to issue a Commission proclamation and ask City Council issue a proclamation commemorating October as Disability Employment Awareness Month
PASSED

Announcements

- October 27 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Disability Month celebration at the University of Washington
- October 27, 10:00 p.m. "Lives Worth Living" on PBS

Adjourned at 5:55